

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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DATE: 20 December 2010  
TO: All Clients/Submitters  
FROM: Alaska State Public Health Laboratories  
RE: Reduction of Laboratory Services

The Alaska State Public Health Laboratories (ASPHL) regretfully announces that, due to resource limitations and technical challenges, several tests will no longer be offered. Effective 1 January 2011, the following tests will no longer be available at the ASPHL:

Hepatitis C Antigen Testing  
Rotavirus EIA  
Cytomegalovirus IgG EIA  
Cytomegalovirus IgM EIA  
Toxoplasma IgG EIA  
Toxoplasma IgM EIA  
Epstein-Barr Virus IgG EIA  
Epstein-Barr Virus IgM EIA

Please note that ASPHL will still offer Hepatitis C antibody screening. ASPHL recommends that any patient demonstrating the presence of Hepatitis C antibodies be redrawn for confirmatory Hepatitis C RNA to determine viral load and/or genotype(s). ASPHL does not offer viral load or genotype testing.

All of the above-listed tests are readily available in the private sector at reasonable cost.

Any specimens collected before 1 January 2011, but received on or after 1 January 2011, will still be tested. Clients submitting specimens collected and received after 1 January 2011, will be notified and the specimen discarded after five (5) days unless the submitter notifies the laboratory with alternate directives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Virology Laboratory Manager, Ms. Bonnie Bond (907-474-7017), or the ASPHL Laboratory Director, Dr. Bernd Jilly (907-334-2100).



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